



# Durham Region Health Department FAX about...

For Health Care Professionals



## World AIDS Day – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### “Take the rights path: My health, my right!”

**World AIDS Day** is a day of global action to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS and show support for people living with HIV/AIDS. It is a time to reflect on the progress made to date and further changes that are needed to eliminate the spread of HIV/AIDS in our community.

The theme identified by World Health Organization (WHO) for World AIDS Day 2024 is: **“Take the rights path: My health, my right!”**. WHO is calling on global leaders and citizens to champion the right to health by addressing the inequalities that hinder progress in ending AIDS.

HIV/AIDS cases are **reportable** to Durham Region Health Department (DRHD). In 2024, there have been 61 cases reported to DRHD as of November 18. In 2023, there were a total of 51 reported cases of HIV compared to 28 in 2022.

For more HIV/AIDS statistics in Durham Region, see the latest [HIV and AIDS Infographic \(2013-2022\)](#).

### A Focus on Sexual Health

To reduce the transmission of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs), DRHD facilitates and promotes timely detection, identification, and management of STBBIs.

DRHD receives all reportable positive STBBI lab results for individuals residing in Durham Region. DRHD nurses complete timely case and contact follow up, and may request information from health care providers (HCP) for clients who are not reachable, pregnant, and/or high risk.

HCPs may order publicly funded medications for the treatment of chlamydia, gonorrhoea, and syphilis infections. Please visit [STI Medications Order Form](#) (or [durham.ca/hcp](http://durham.ca/hcp), then Forms, and Order).

**Testing and treatment services are also available at DRHD Sexual Health Clinics** (in the Oshawa Centre and the Pickering Town Centre): [Sexual Health and Clinic - Region of Durham](#)

### STBBI Testing and Treatment Resources

Visit [Durham.ca/hcp](http://Durham.ca/hcp) for updated resources on testing and treatment of STBBIs.

If you have any feedback about Fax Abouts or wish to recommend a topic for distribution, please email [Faxabout@durham.ca](mailto:Faxabout@durham.ca).

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